THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) it has not been found feasible to introduce the visa on arrival scheme at present.

Strategies to control crime against women by Delhi Government

1052. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that to restore a sense of security among women, the Delhi Government proposes to work out strategies to control crime against women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Central Government also propose to impart training to girl students in self-defence; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi has started "Project Raksha" to impart training in self-defence initially to female physical education teachers. These trainers will in turn impart training to girl students to make them conversant with self-defence techniques.

(c) and (d) It is upto the concerned State Governments to introduce such schemes. However, the Government of India will be happy to share the details of the initiative taken up in Delhi with other States.

Assistance to Andhra Pradesh for combating Naxalism

1053. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SINGHI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the assistance extended to the Andhra Pradesh Government in the recent past to tide over the increased Naxal activities in the State; and

(b) would the Government come out with any programme or guidelines to tackle the vexed problem of Naxals in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) Central assistance to Andhra Pradesh in the recent past to tackle Naxalite activities includes disbursement of Rs. 8.1 crores under Security Related Expenditure (SRE) Scheme for 2004-05 and 2005-06 and Rs. 79.73 crores under Police Modernisation (PM) Scheme for 2004-05. Further, a sum of Rs. 80 crores has been allocated to the State under the PM Scheme for 2005-06. For integrated development of the Naxalite affected districts, the Government has allocated Rs. 360 crores under Backward Districts Initiative (BDI) scheme to fill in the critical gaps in physical and social infrastructure in the naxalite affected districts for a period of three years starting from 2003-04. Besides, the Government has allocated an additional Rs. 5.44 crores per year for construction of rural roads in the eight naxalite affected district under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

The Government has also provided 3 Bns of CRPF to Andhra Pradesh for anti-Naxalite operations. The State Government has been exempted from the payment of cost of deployment of the said Bns for 3 years *w.e.f.* 1.7.2004.

(b) The Central Government has adopted a multi-pronged strategy to tackle the problem of Naxalism in the Naxalite affected States including Andhra Pradesh. The strategy *inter-alia* includes (a) having a peace dialogue by the affected States, whenever feasible, with Naxal groups willing to abjure violence, (b) modernization and strengthening of the State Police forces, long term deployment of Para-Military forces, intensified intelligence based well-coordinated anti-Naxalite operations, (c) focused attention on integrated development of the affected areas and (d) removal of socio-cultural alienation of people, gearing up of public grievances redressal system and creation of Local Resistance Groups.

Amount sanctioned for police modernisation in U.P.

† 1054. SHRI BHAGWATI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the plan of modernisation of the police;

(b) the amount that had been sanctioned to Government of Uttar Pradesh

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.